Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Jarle Foss was born in Ringsaker, Norway, on March 18, 1894, where he lived until he joined his grandfather at Freeman, South Dakota, at the age of 16 when his parents presented him with a one-year vacation to America; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota was very fortunate to welcome Jarle Foss to our State. He is a well-known and hard-working farmer who started out with just four horses and, through many hours of toil and determination, was able to purchase not one but three farms of his own; and,

WHEREAS, After obtaining citizenship in the United States of America, Jarle fought for the freedom and independence he holds so dear when he served his country in France during World War I. He is a member of Scotland's chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and,

WHEREAS, in 1920, Jarle was joined in marriage to Inga, and their union celebrated fifty-five Lappy and joyful wedding anniversaries; and,

WHEREAS, Jarle Foss is known as the "Granddaddy of South Dakota's Old Time Fiddling" and has gathered many fiddling honors including being named South Dakota State Campion Fiddler several times in both the Senior and the Senior-Senior Divisions, represting South Dakota at the Smithsonian Folk Festival in Washington, D. C., in 1975, making fourteen records of old-time fiddling, having a national television company produce a television program on him, and honoring me by playing at my Inaugural celebration. Jarle plays the same fiddle his parents sent him from Norway in 1911 to help relieve his homesickness; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to honor a man who has worked hard all of his rife, has loved the land, has been loyal to his church and to his family, his friends, and his neighbors:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, do hereby proclaim March 18, 1984, as

JARLE FOSS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join Jarle's many friends in wishing him many more years of health and happiness, and just good, old, fiddling around.

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Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and

IN WITMESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set

Great Seal of the State of South Dakota.

Thirteenth Day of March, in the Year of

my hand and caused to be affixed the

in Pierre, the Capital City, this

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ALICE KUMDERT, SECRETARY OF

WILLIAM J. MANKEOW, GOVERNOR